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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Wednesday 10 February**  
School Photos  
**Friday 12 February**  
School Swimming Carnival

**PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**



*Hello to all,*

Welcome to what will be a wonderful year of learning in 2021! A special welcome to all new families and our 48 new Kindergarten students who are quickly settling into our lovely school.

The two school development days allowed for staff to participate in extensive training around the writing process, "Big ideas" of mathematics and technology. These are areas that will feature heavily in our 2021-2024 School Plan. Watch this space as the term progresses for opportunities to engage and give feedback regarding this plan and the situational analysis that it is based on.

Don't forget that school photos are on Wednesday (10 February). All students to be in full uniform (including white socks and black shoes). Please ensure any hair accessories are also in school colours (red and green). Order can be placed online using the information sent last week.

You will find lots of important information in this welcome newsletter – please try and keep it somewhere that you can refer back to it in the coming year.



<b>School Structure</b>	
<b>Support Unit</b>	
K-6H	Emily Hurst (teacher) and Debbie Jenkins (SLSO)
2-6A	Kathryn Adams (teacher) and Rose Wastell (SLSO)
3-6S	Bronwyn Stevenson (teacher) and Megan Buckland (SLSO)
<b>Early Stage 1</b>	
KO	Megan O'Riley
KM	Emily Marsh
KL	Freya Lawrence (M-Th), Kate Packer (F)
<b>Stage 1</b>	
1L	Louisa Rio
1R	Liz Rogers (M-Th), Nicole Carter (F)
2A	Maddie Abbott
2S	Kristy Setchell
<b>Stage 2</b>	
3B	Jack Buffon
3P	Kelsi Phillips
4H	Felicity Walker (M-T), Emma Horton (W-F)
4L	Lara Lenton
<b>Stage 3</b>	
5/6G	Jacqueline Green
5/6H	Sharon Head
5/6D	Carly Dufficy
Principal	Rebecca Wild (M-Th) Michelle Francis (F)
Assistant Principal Support Unit	Michelle Francis (M-Th) Bronwyn Stevenson (F)
Assistant Principals ES1 and S1	Jacqueline Nagle (M, T, Th, F) Liz Rogers (W)
Assistant Principals Stage 2	Lara Lenton
Assistant Principal Stage 3	Carly Dufficy Sharon Head
Senior Psychologist, Education	Julie Simington
Instructional Leaders	Carol Williams Matthew Walter
Curriculum Support Reading and Writing	Sharon Shearman Matthew Walter
Aboriginal Programs Support	Katie Hansen

Learning and Support teacher	Lois Gillett
Intervention teachers	Emma Mitchell, Anna Sherras, Anita Awad, Rachel McCredie
Librarian	Surinda Walton
RFF teachers	Nicole Carter, Jacqueline Nagle, Felicity Walker, Demi Loany
Headstart	Kate Packer
School Administration Manager	Tracy Hooper
School Administration Officer	Nola Ritchie
Support staff	Kylie Atherton, Belinda Kimpton, Patrice Murfitt, Michelle O'Malley Jones, Brooke Pettiford, Harper Rydlewski-Walker, Paula Mehrtens
Aboriginal Education Officer	Sharen Herbert
Canteen Manager	Annette Sharpe
General assistants	Steve Jenkins

### **Parent Concerns**

If you have any concerns regarding your child's educational, emotional or social wellbeing please contact the school to organise a meeting with your child's classroom teacher.

Most questions / concerns should be resolved by the classroom teacher at a mutually agreeable time.

If you feel your concerns are not resolved by the classroom teacher, please organise a meeting with the Stage Assistant Principal to provide further assistance.

Our Assistant Principals for 2021 are:

- ES1/S1 (Kinder – Year 2): Jacqueline Nagle (M, T, Th, F), Liz Rogers (W)
- Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4): Lara Lenton
- Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6): Carly Dufficy and Sharon Head
- Support Unit: Michelle Francis (M-Th), Bronwyn Stevenson (F)

Lastly, if you can't resolve your concerns after speaking to your child's teacher or Stage Assistant Principal please make an appointment with the Principal.

### Contact with the School

Following feedback from families in 2020 a review of our communication policy has been conducted with the following procedures being put in place for the 2021 school year.

Our school office is open between the hours of 8.30am – 3.30pm (M-F). Please note the phones will not be answered outside these hours.

While we understand that occasionally, the way that a student is getting home may change we are unable to take phone calls regarding this (except for emergency situations) after 2.00pm. Your cooperation ensures there is enough time to communicate messages to those involved.

We strongly encourage all parents to have a conversation with their child each morning about how they are to get home that afternoon to avoid any confusion.

Our school email address is [wyoing-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wyoing-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). We kindly ask that all email correspondence be sent to this email address and not directly to teachers. As our staff are teaching during the school day and often in meetings before and after school we ask for your understanding that emails may take up to 72 hours to respond to. If your matter is urgent in nature we suggest calling the school or writing a note directly to the appropriate person.

### School Website and App

In order to streamline the way that we send information to parents (excluding newsletters and notes) our main form of parent updates will be via the school website (<https://wyoing-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>) and school app (available for android and apple).

A key feature of our website will be the class pages. These will be updated twice a term with important information and an overview of the areas each class is focusing on for the coming weeks.

A new feature will be a photo spread of the school week in review (updated weekly).

As always class notes and current and previous issues of school newsletter will also be available for download. We ask that you refer to this section of the website frequently as solutions to most queries will be found here.

To help support you, become familiar with this new process a push notification will be sent via the app to alert you when key updates are made.

### COVID Update

- Students should be at school unless they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe or they are currently unwell.
- Parents are asked to avoid coming onto school grounds (including the canteen) unless the visit complies with current school guidelines (early departures/late arrivals or **pre-arranged** meetings with staff). If entering buildings, you will be required to follow our COVID safe procedures (Service NSW QR code and external visitors form) as well as wait outside while the appropriate person/student is located.
- Our Canteen Manager is able to assist students in writing their food orders, alternatively, you can complete a lunch bag at home. Similarly, please contact Annette to arrange 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniforms or hats. Where this is not possible the uniform shop will be open between 9.30am-10.30am with parents following all COVID safe procedures (Service NSW QR code and external visitors form).
- Student water fountains and bubblers are now available for student use, however it is preferred that students use refillable water bottles.
- If you would like to supply birthday treats to share with your child's class please ensure they are in sealed individual packages (such as a bulk bag of fredo frogs). Please do not send items that you have packaged yourself or homemade goodies. You are also able to purchase a class bucket of iceblocks through our canteen (contact Annette for further details).

#### **School Swimming Carnival:**

- The school swimming carnival can proceed without spectators.
- Students must bring food/drinks to the swimming carnival - no canteen facilities will be available.
- Students 12 years and over will be required to wear a mask when travelling on the bus to and from the carnival.

#### **Collection of students at the end of the day:**

- **Kindergarten students** and their siblings can be collected from the hall at 2:30pm following COVID safe procedures (Service NSW QR Code)
- **Year 1 and 2 students** and their sibling can be collected from the hall at 2:40pm

following COVID safe procedures (Service NSW QR Code).

- **Years 3-6 students** can be collected from the hall at 2:45pm following COVID safe procedures (Service NSW QR Code).
- Don't forget-you can also arrange to meet your child outside of school grounds at 2.45pm.
- Please ensure that you adhere to social distancing requirements at all times.

For further information on school restrictions and advice for families see:

<http://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

*Take Care*

**Rebecca Wild**  
**PRINCIPAL**

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